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Foreign Office, October 27, 1863.

NOTIFICATION OF BLOCKADE.

IT is hereby notified, that Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Vice Consul at Vera Cruz, a notification, addressed to him by the Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Gulf of Mexico, and dated the 5th of September, 1863, of the Blockade by the French naval forces, on and from the 6th September, 1863, of the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, with the exception of Tampico, Vera Cruz, Alvarado, Goatzacoalcos, Tabasco, and Carmen. The following is the official communication received by Earl Russell:—

NOTIFICATION DE BLOCUS.

NOUS soussigné Contre-Amiral Commandant-en-Chef les forces navales de Sa Majesté l'Empereur des Français dans le Golfe du Mexique,

Vu l'état de guerre existant entre la France et le Gouvernement de Juarez, agissant en vertu des pouvoirs qui nous appartiennent:

Declarons,

Qu'à partir du 6 Septembre courant les ports et leurs issues, les rivières, havres, rades, criques, &c., des côtes du Mexique qui ne sont point occupés par nos troupes, et qui reconnaissent encore le pouvoir de Juarez, depuis la lagune à 10 lieues au sud de Matamoros, jusqu'à et y compris Campêche,

entre 25° 22' Nd.—99° 54' Ot.

et 19° 52' Nd.—92° 50' Ot.

(Méridien de Paris)

seront tenus en état de blocus effectif, par les forces navales placées sous notre Commandement, et que les bâtiments amis ou neutres auront un délai de 25 jours pour achever leur chargement et quitter les lieux bloqués.

(Les points à excepter du blocus sont Tampico, Vera-Cruz, Alvarado, Goatzacoalcos, Tabasco et Carmen).

Il sera procédé contre tout bâtiment qui tenterait de violer le dit blocus, conformément aux lois internationales et aux traités en vigueur avec les puissances neutres.

A Bord de la Frégate mixte la Bellone, de Sa Majesté l'Empereur des Français, mouillée en rade de Sacrificios, le 5 Septembre, 1863.

(Signé) A. BOSSE.

(L.S.)

(Translation)

NOTIFICATION OF BLOCKADE.

WE, the Undersigned Rear-Admiral Commanding-in-Chief the Naval Forces of His Majesty the Emperor of the French in the Gulf of Mexico,

In view of the state of war existing between France and the Government of Juarez, acting by virtue of the powers which belong to us,

Declare,

That from the 6th of September instant the ports and their outlets, the rivers, harbours, roadsteads, creeks, &c., of the coasts of Mexico which are not in the occupation of our troops, and which still acknowledge the power of Juarez, from the lagoon, 10 leagues to the South of Matamoros, up to and including Campêche:

Between 25° 22' N., 99° 54' W.

and 19° 52' N., 92° 50' W.

(Meridian of Paris).

shall be held in a state of effective Blockade by the Naval Forces under our command, and that friendly or neutral vessels shall have a delay of twenty-five days to complete their cargoes, and to quit the places blockaded.

The points excepted from the Blockade are Tampico, Vera Cruz, Alvarado, Goatzacoalcos, Tabasco, and Carmen.

Proceedings in conformity with International Law and the Treaties in force with Neutral Powers will be taken against all vessels which shall attempt to violate the said Blockade.

On board of the frigate "Bellona," of His Majesty the Emperor of the French, anchored in the roadstead of Sacrificios, the fifth of September, 1863.

(Signed) A. BOSSE.

War Office, October 27, 1863.

THE Secretary of State for War has received a Despatch from Lieutenant-General Cameron, C.B., Commanding the Troops in New Zealand, of which the following is a copy:

Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt,
August 4, 1863.

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the reports I have forwarded to your Lordship, relative to the operations in which the troops in this province have